

IN SENATE

OF

THE UNITED STATES,

JANUARY 2, 1818.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Haffield White.

REPORT:

That the petitioner represents himself, in the month of April 1777, to have been in military service in colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment; that lieutenant colonel Newhall commanding the first division of said regiment, drew one months pay for the men in said division, which the petitioner received and paid it over to the men, excepting 250 dollars, which was due to those who had fallen sick on the march. The corps was subsequently ordered to leave their baggage with a guard, and the petitioner with the advice of colonel Newhall, put the money into his journal book and deposited it with his clothing, which, after the action of the 22d July, of the year aforesaid, being in a baggage wagon which was taken for the removal of the wounded by order of the commanding officer, general Nixon, the money was lost and part of the petitioner's clothing. On the day of the action aforesaid, colonel Putnam arrived with his division bringing on the men to whom the money the petitioner had lost was due. By an arrangement with the paymaster of the regiment, who arrived with the second division, he, the paymaster, advanced the money to the men, and the petitioner indemnified him, out of his pay; which sum the petitioner avers was never reimbursed to him. A certificate is annexed to the petition, signed Rufus Putnam, to which the committee refer as a part of their report. An original letter is also annexed, signed B. Goodhue, dated Philadelphia, March 29th, 1794, addressed to the petitioner informing him his petition had been referred to the Secretary of War who had reported favorably on his claim. The committee addressed letters to the Treasury and Navy Departments, enclosing the petition and documents for further information, and have received in answer, that no records exist in either, touching this claim. The committee believe the petitioner's claim to be equitable. They therefore respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That a bill be reported allowing Haffield White the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in full of all his claims on the United States.

Treasury Department, Register's Office, 19th December, 1817.

SIR,

Upon the petition of Haffield White for remuneration for the loss of two hundred and fifty dollars with interest, referred to your Department by the chairman of the committee of claims, in the Senate of the United States, I have searched for the report stated, by the honorable B. Goodhue, formerly of the House of Representatives, to have been favourably made on the case by the Secretary of War, but I cannot discover the report in the printed documents, which it is apprehended may not even exist at this time in the War Department. We have not any records in the Treasury in relation to the fact stated by the petitioner: neither are there any records in relation to the petition of Weaver Bennet.

I have the honor to be, sir,

With the greatest respect,

Your most obedient servant.

JOSEPH NOURSE.

Honorable William H. Crawford,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Department of War, December 27th, 1817.

SIR,

In answer to your letter of the 23th instant, I have the honor to enclose the report of Peter Hagner, Esq. 3d auditor, and to be, with great respect,

Your most obedient servant,

J. C. CALHOUN.

*Honorable Jonathan Roberts,
Senator United States, for Pennsylvania.
City of Washington.*

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office, Dec. 26, 1817.

SIR,

I have the honor to state in the case of the petition of Haffield White, that there are no documents in this office which will afford any information on the subject.

In the case of Weaver Bennett, the evidences (if any) are all destroyed. The papers are returned.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

PETER HAGNER, Auditor.

*The honorable J. C. Calhoun,
Secretary of War.*

Washington, D.C., December 27th, 1917.

SIR,

In answer to your letter of the 24th instant, I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to be, with
great respect,

Very respectfully,

J. G. CALHOUN

Director, American Rights

Director, United States

City of Washington

Enclosure

Very respectfully,

John A. Smith, Esq., Dec. 20, 1917.

SIR,

I have the honor to state in the case of the petition of 1917
that there are no documents in this office which will afford any
information as to the subject.
In the case of Weaver, the evidence (in 1917) has all
been destroyed. The papers are retained.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant

PETER H. HARRIS, Esq.

The Honorable J. G. Calhoun

Director of the